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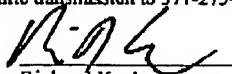
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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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Applicants : Nigel V. Spurr, et. Al.  
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Art Unit : 3676  
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Title : LATCH CONTROL BY GEAR POSITION SENSING

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**Amendment Responsive to the Office Action**

Mail Stop Non-fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed on 12/30/2005, having a shortened statutory response period that extends through 3/30/2005, kindly amend the claims as hereinafter indicated and reconsider their patentability in view of the following remarks.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

The remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.